

Sermon-based Discussion Questions

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2. Read Acts 20:1-6. What might this variety of names and places tell us about churches working together in the 1st century? *(If your Bible has a map of Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey, trace through the places that are mentioned in verses 1-6.)*
3. Read Titus 1:5-9. What do you think this passage teaches us about the qualifications and character requirements for pastors and elders? To what degree should these be true for all Christians?
4. This past Sunday, our church had an “installation service” for Pastor Douglas. If you were there for this, what did you think of the service? What do you think might be some good ways to officially welcome and “install” a new pastor at a local church?
5. “Pastor” can be defined as “one who serves and leads as an under-shepherd.” The Bible uses the words, “pastor,” “elder,” and “overseer,” interchangeably. What do you think each of these terms might tell us about the role of pastors in local churches? (Consider 1 Timothy 3:1-7)
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